

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) An image processing apparatus comprising:
a display control section configured to simultaneously provide a thumbnail area, a comparison area and a collection area on a common display;
~~a first display section configured to display one or more of a plurality of images;~~
~~a first category designation section configured to designate one category from among a plurality of categories, provided to each of the one or more images displayed through the first display section;~~
~~a classification section configured to categorize each of the one or more images displayed through the first display section into one or more categories designated by the first category designation section;~~
~~a second category designation section configured to designate one or more categories among the one or more categories classified by the classification section;~~
~~a reduced image display section configured to reduce the display reduced images of said images displayed in the thumbnail area[[,]] each of which belongs to any of the one or more categories designated by the second category designation section;~~
a first selection section configured to select two or more images from among the reduced images displayed in the reduced image display section;

a comparison image display section configured to display, in the comparison area, the two or more images selected by the first selection section;

an image processing section configured to perform at least one image processing of reducing processing, enlarging processing, and moving processing on the two or more images displayed in the comparison image display section; ~~and~~

a ~~selective-designation~~ second selection section configured to select ~~and designate~~ an image from among the images displayed through the comparison image display section; ~~and~~

an entry section configured to enter into the collection area, the image selected by the second selection section.

2. (Currently amended) The apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein the ~~first display section includes any one of a browse display section configured to display a plurality of reduced images in an array, and a view display section configured to display one single image~~ processing section is configured to perform the image processing so that the images are operatively interlocked with each other and undergo the same processing together.

Claims 3-6. (Cancelled)

7. (Currently amended) An image processing method comprising:
a first step of simultaneously displaying one or more images of a plurality of images a thumbnail area, a comparison area and a collection area on a common display;

~~a second step of designating a category to which each of the one or more images belongs, by means of a category designation section provided to each of the~~

~~one or more images;~~

~~a third step of classifying each of the one or more images displayed through the first display section into the category designated by the second step;~~

~~a fourth second step of displaying reduced images in the thumbnail area of images that belong to any one or more of the categories classified by the third step;~~

~~a fifth third step of selecting two or more images from among the reduced images displayed in the fourth second step ;~~

~~a sixth fourth step of displaying the two or more images selected in the fifth third step in a the comparison area image display section;~~

~~a seventh fifth step of performing at least one image process of reducing, enlarging, and moving of the two or more images displayed in the sixth fourth step; and~~

~~a sixth ~~an eighth~~ step of selecting ~~and designating~~ an image from among the images subjected to image processing during in the fifth seventh step; and~~

~~a seventh step of entering one of the images displayed in the comparison area into the collection area.~~

Claims 8-29. (Cancelled)

30. (New) The method according to claim 7, wherein the fifth step is configured to perform image processing so that the images in the comparison area are interlocked and undergo the same processing together.